

CHAPTER 52

PUBLIC UTILITIES — NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE REQUIREMENTS

H.F. 601

AN ACT relating to rate increase notice requirements for public utilities.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. [Section 476.6, subsection 2](#), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

2. *Written notice of increase.* All public utilities, except those exempted from rate regulation by [section 476.1](#) and telecommunications service providers registered pursuant to [section 476.95A](#), shall give written notice of a proposed increase of any rate or charge to all affected customers served by the public utility no more than ~~sixty-two~~ thirty days prior to the time the application for the increase is filed with the board. Public utilities exempted from rate regulation by [section 476.1](#), except telecommunications service providers registered pursuant to [section 476.95A](#), shall give written notice of a proposed increase of any rate or charge to all affected customers served by the public utility at least thirty days prior to the effective date of the increase. If the public utility is subject to rate regulation, the written notice to affected customers shall also include an estimate of the total bill impact on a typical customer in each affected customer class, provide a general explanation of the board's rate increase review process, and state that the customer has a right to file a written objection to the rate increase and that the affected customers may request the board to hold a public hearing to determine if the rate increase should be allowed. The board shall prescribe the manner and method that the written notice to each affected customer of the public utility shall be served in the manner in which the customer elects to receive bills and other communications from the public utility.

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